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U.S. Patent Documents

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Foreign Patent Documents

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Other Documents (including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

"AN OPTIMUM METHOD FOR TWO-LEVEL RENDITION OF CONTINUOUS-TONE PICTURES", by
B.E. Bayer, Research Laboratories, Eastman Kodak Company, Rochester, New
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